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Mark Martin celebrates his victory in the NASCAR LifeLock 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Sunday, June 14, 2009.

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*Discussing economic and trade-related matters*

# Mrs. Emanuela Balestrieri meets with Prime Minister Oduber

ORANJESTAD – This past Friday afternoon, Prime Minister Nelson Oduber met with Mrs. Emanuela Balestrieri who is an advisor in economic and trade-related matters.

Mrs. Balestrieri was assigned by the European Union to form a platform for their dependant territories as well as work on economic and trade aspects in regards to the territories on the American continent which are Greenland, Cayman Island, Turks and Caicos Islands, the Netherlands Antilles, Aruba and Montserrat.

Her goal is to establish a trade-treaty between the aforementioned territories. A tax-free exportation accord is already in effect but this has yet to be taken advantage of. There were also talks of the possibilities making use of the annual funds which are around 30 million Euros budgeted to invest in projects that would be beneficial to these countries. Prime Minister Oduber took this opportunity to offer beautiful pen engraved with Aruba's Shield to the visiting dignitary. □



*United Artists of Aruba Foundation (UAAF)*

# Giolina Henriquez Artist chosen as Artist of the Month



ORANJESTAD - Every month, the Artists of Aruba Foundation add an artist to their database of creative professionals that make their living solely thru the means of their artistic ability.

The website is a virtual gallery of art that offers space free of charge where all the artist of different genre's can profile themselves and by doing so stimulate the manifestation of the creative soul of our country and serve to elaborate on the views of our community.

The Artist for the month of June 2009: Giolina Henriquez offers an infinite sea of multifaceted creativity as a poet, painter, illustrator, graphic designer and art instructor.

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# Catch your own dinner with Driftwood!

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*The most romantic setting at Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant*

# Jose surprises Sorley with diamond ring in champagne!



**PASEO HERENCIA** – Sorley Coronoto Urbine Escalante was surprised during a romantic dinner in the garden terrace at Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant as she took the first sip of her champagne and noticed a sparkling 2 karat diamond ring. Absolutely elated with joy, Sorley said "yes" to Jose Horacial Cegarra Carrero of Venezuela.

Sorley and Jose couldn't stop smiling through

their entire engagement dinner as they enjoyed all of the treasures of the sea from Moby Dick's.

Moby Dick's is renowned for their Lobster Thermidor, Fresh Dutch Oysters and Mussels Monte Carlo among other incredible seafood delectable on the menu. The portions are fit for a king, so make sure to come with a hearty appetite. □



# The Icons Confirm Practice Makes Perfect



ORANJESTAD – On Saturday, a special event organized by the Aruba Bank and other generous sponsors at Oroubo Plaza, brought together about 100 elementary school students, with the goal of encouraging the kids to take their education seriously. Master of Ceremonies Tessa Pietersz introduced a number of accomplished personalities from the local community, who talked to the kids, sharing some of their own experiences.

The common denominator, the thread running through all stories heard Saturday morning was the decision to invest time and effort, to work harder and longer in order to achieve excellence.

The stories the kids heard proved again, that practice makes perfect and that success is directly related to the number of hours spent on honing skills, and polishing performances.

Aruba's Minister of Tourism & Transportation, engineer Edison Briesen reported to the kids that he spent a total of 20 years as a student, sitting on school benches in various classrooms on the island and in Holland, working



on his education, prior to making a career choice as a professional politician.

Edwin Tromp, the top man of Aruba Bank on the island talked about humble beginnings and an interest in music as a hobby, spending many hours practicing, and most importantly steadily climbing up the ladder at various banking institutions, starting practically at the bottom, more than three decades ago.

Milly Lacle the Director of Oroubo Plaza asked the kids to seek inspiration, sharing with them that education will give them the freedom and the ability to pursue their dreams and have options in life. "If you study conscientiously, you will achieve the liberty to be the master of their own destiny," she said.

Shanaya Howell, a famous athlete, the BMX World Champion twice, interviewed with Pietersz about her life stating that when competing internationally, she packs her books to go and never falls behind at school. Riding bikes since the age of 2, Shanaya puts in long hours of practice combined with academic pursuit, and just received a report card with excellent grades.

Valerie Eman's who was the clown at the gathering, making balloon animals, enjoyed an international swimming career which took her around the globe to hundreds of competitions, winning thousands of Gold & Silver medals, yet the young athlete kept up with her school work in addition to many hours in the pool and in the



ocean, and is now leaving to attend university in Holland prepared to complete her higher education.

The kids showed a great degree of interest listening to Shanaya & Valerie's stories,



yet they truly tuned in when Biggie Boy was on stage. The 18-year old rapper, born into a musical family, already packs 10 years of experience in writing, recording, and singing, having started early to experiment with sound. His performance with Game Over's Mow-Z & Donkess was electrifying. The kids all knew the lyrics to his hit song Mi Kier Bo Ta Felis, and enjoyed his new selections. Biggie' Boys success results from the fact that he applied himself early on, passionately composing & writing, while his friends from the neighborhood played in the street. And he is not stopping here, as he is determined to study sound engineering in the

future in a Dutch university.

The committee organizing the event "Education, Our Priority," wishes to remind parents and school children to read during the summer vacation, magazines, books, go to the library, be active in sports, use the time to educate yourself and further your skills doing arts and crafts or pursuing music, and/or any other intellectually stimulating activity.

Bottom line, the Aruba Bank sponsors agree: "Take a break from electronic games and television this summer in favor of reading and you will see your grades improve significantly, in the next school year." □



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Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao,

# Dutch ABC Islands on a List of the World's Safest Places to Travel

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ORANJESTAD - Where You Can Travel Without Worry, and Feel Super-Secure?

Given some Caribbean islands' reputation for violent crime and the high-profile Natalee Holloway case in Aruba, it may seem counterintuitive to include the Dutch ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) on a list of the world's safest places to travel. But the stats don't lie: Crime rates on the three islands are low, political unrest is virtually unknown, they're too far south for hurricanes, and in 2008 the trio ranked lowest in the Caribbean in felonious incidents against visiting yachts. In fact,

Aruba was the only place in the region to achieve a perfect score on the yacht crime survey.

To find the world's ultra-safe places to travel we analyzed piles of data, from U.S. State Department warnings on crime against U.S. citizens abroad and the latest United Nations survey on global crime trends to the Mercer rankings of the world's safest cities. We also looked at other fear factors: natural disasters, social or political unrest, warfare and terrorism. However, the criteria are too varied to make a definitive ranking credible and to rank the 10 safest countries. Some of our choices were obvious: bucolic New Zealand, neutral

Switzerland and squeaky-clean Singapore. As for omissions, the Scandinavian countries and some very small island nations would make a longer list of 20 or 25.

Some of our findings are surprising. Maybe it's movies like "Gangs of New York" and guilt by association with the ongoing troubles across the border in Ulster, but the Irish have always had a rather gruff reputation. But you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. A recent World Health Organization study named the Emerald Isle the least violent country in Europe. And according to the latest Mercer rankings of the world's safest urban areas, Dublin is less dangerous than



major cities in Japan, Australia or Canada.

The image of the rough, tough Irishman "is a media myth—the Hollywood version," says retired Irish entrepreneur and diplomat Michael Mullally, who for many years has addressed his country's persona abroad. "It's about a realistic image of the Irishman as the Marlboro Man is of Americans." Cyprus is another place that bucked its traditional image. The 1950s struggle for independence against the British and the Turkish invasion of 1974 and its contentious aftermath color perceptions of the eastern Mediterranean isle. But with the Orthodox church and the traditional Greek family as the twin pillars of society—and a booming economy since entering the European Union in 2004—the island has evolved into a haven of serenity. Recent moves toward rapprochement between independent Cyprus and Turkish-controlled North Cyprus have also contributed to the overall sense of calm.

Tasoula Manaridis of the Cyprus Tourism Organization feels that several factors contribute to the island being such a safe destination. "Cyprus is a country with very high per capita income, one of the highest in Europe. The poverty is at a very, very low level." But she also points out that, "We never had a terrorist attack either. When they have troubles in the Middle East, they evacuate people out to Cyprus because it's the safest destination nearby."

Our search for the safest places revealed several common denominators. Almost all of them are relatively small in terms of both size and population (New Zealand was the largest in both categories). They are all fairly affluent, if not on a global basis then certainly when compared to other countries in their region. And for the most part

they are free and open societies, with democratically elected governments and freedom of the press. Religious and family values also figure into the mix. Many of them have homogenous populations, although the melting pots of Singapore, Switzerland and the Dutch southern Caribbean islands show that isn't always the case. According to Jacob Gelt Dekker, mastermind behind the award-winning Kura Hulanda restoration project and museum in Curacao, the keys to their own tranquility are employment and education. "Unemployment on Curacao is about 3 percent of the adult work force ... These numbers compare very favorably to the rest of the Caribbean, where unemployment of the adult work force is on average 15-25 percent."

Local unemployment is low because the education is ingrained in the local culture and heavily backed by the government. "Education laws make schooling obligatory up to the age of 18 years, and soon to be extended to 21," Dekker explains. "We expect crime to be even less in the near future, as the schooling laws come into play." For a rough comparison, we'll note the United Nations Office rankings on Drugs & Crime, listing a few of the countries ranked solely on the basis of crime and drugs.

Obviously a country currently involved on a war (Iraq, Afghanistan) is going to be the most dangerous. Many large countries do not fare as well. For instance, Colombia, South Africa and Jamaica almost always rank among the world's most dangerous. Reading from most dangerous to least, the U.S. is the least safe of the big Western nations. The U.N. study ranks the U.S. at No. 24 in per capita murder, well head of France (No. 40), Britain (No. 46), Germany (No. 49) and Japan (No. 60). From msnbc.msn.com

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# Giolina Henriquez Artist chosen as Artist of the Month

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A participant in numerous local and international art exhibits with her highly recognized collections in Europe, USA, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Giolina has made several pieces on behalf of the Government which they've extended as National gifts to the various Prime Minister's of the Netherlands, Foreign Minister and the Royal family. Her works

express colorful fluid creativity guaranteed to be of the highest of quality thus ensuring elegance and class, the essence of her pieces.

As a dedicated environmentalist, she is very active in her efforts to conserve nature and as a founder of Aruba Mammal Foundation she continuously labors to safeguard the lives and freedom of dolphins.

Her own warm and caring nature serves as an inspiration to those who take her intensive painting and drawing classes.

When asked: "What do you to keep your quality of work ever evolving?"

She answers: "My life is like a roller-coaster! I used to wait for my life to calm down as to express what I had observed of the school of life, which is the most colorful one you can ever be a part of.

I have however learned to observe, absorb and express what I have taken in all at once thus producing this colorful adventure that is called life's offering. It's my blessing and my curse, because I get no down

time yet I feel very fortunate to be able to dedicate myself to something I love so dearly.

www.unitedartistsaruba.com has offered Giolina her online profile. For adults with creative inclinations interested in learning how to draw with Giolina at her 'Academia di Arte'; with courses starting in

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# Fanny & Jacky enjoy rehearsal dinner



ORANJESTAD – Fanny & Jacky's nuptials was celebrated at a Friday evening Shabbat dinner at Casa Tua Barcelona. Dr. Mario Gurevich, MD, the Rabbi of Beth Israel congregation in Oranjestad, and his esteemed wife Sara,

the proud parents of the groom, co-hosted dinner with the bride's parents Dora & Delazka Alvarez. The lovebirds met in Israel and as their marriage was announced they asked family members to come to Aruba for a destination wedding. Rabbi

Gurevich officiated over the Jewish wedding ceremony on the beach, Sunday, with a reception that followed at Beth Israel synagogue's social hall.

Pictured here, the family's get together Friday evening, at a Fiesta Espanola Casa Tua Barcelona, a fantastic pre-wedding celebration, to the music of singer Angela Croes, organized by Isabella Kainama-Rugebregt, Marketing Manager Casa Tua Restaurants.



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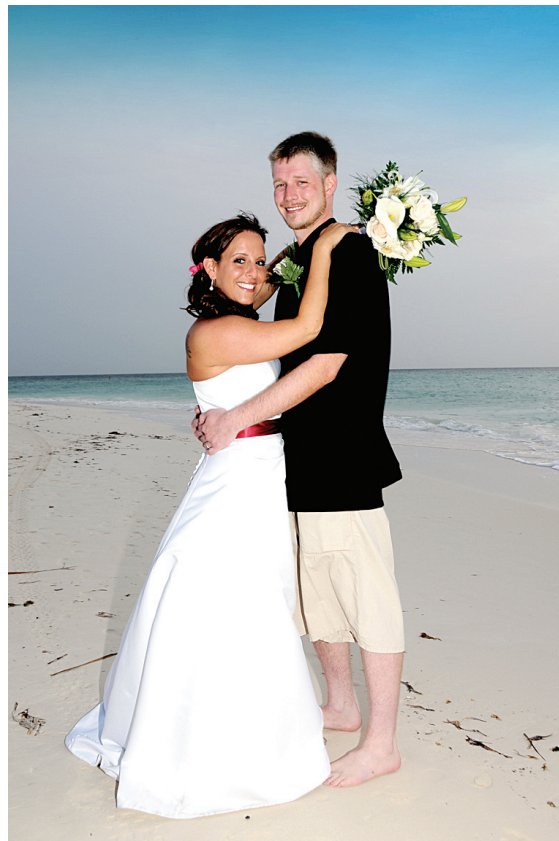
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*A perfect wedding in paradise*

# Melissa and John are blessed in matrimony



**by Angela Munzenhofer**  
EAGLE BEACH- A beautiful wedding for Melissa Popcev and John Stipa at Eagle Beach. The lovebirds met in 1999 through mutual friends, they were friends for about for about one year before dating exclusively. Melissa joined the Army at 17 and moved in with John after boot camp in 2000. Melissa attended college and received a

bachelor and master's degree in social work from George Mason University. John is currently pursuing a degree in information systems security while working full time. Melissa and John chose Aruba because the destination came highly recommended from friends that had been on island before. After viewing the island on the internet they knew they found paradise for

their dream wedding. Their wedding coordinator, Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba came highly recommended and from that point they began building their wedding details. The Beach Blessing took place on June 10, 2009 at Manchebo Resort. The ceremony was delivered by Officiate Ruben Trapenburg and witnessed by twenty-eight friends and family members.

The union of marriage was romantic overlooking the serene beauty of Eagle Beach at sunset. Melissa and John exchanged vows and rings and were announced husband & wife.

The newlyweds were whisked away by Angela Munzenhofer of Bella Aruba Photography as the sunset behind the horizon. The 'Once in a lifetime' photo shoot continued with family members and friends as Aruba's skies were transformed into a starlit evening.

Immediately following the newlyweds were announced inside Manchebo's Pavilion. Speeches and a toast turned into a lovely evening with a romantic dinner buffet and dancing.

"We want to thank our family and friends for joining us for our wedding day in Aruba and to spend a tropical vacation



in paradise, stated Mr. & Mrs. Stipa. □

**Photos by Angela Munzenhofer**





# At EQ3 Salinja Cerca hosts Designer Night



NOORD -- EQ3 Furniture + Accents is hosting Designer Night, a special event for its customers and a select group of local professionals, next week.

Eric Martineau, EQ3's Canada-based Director of Visual Merchandising, will be flown in especially on the occasion of the evening, held in the Salinja Cerca store. During this "By Invitation Only" event, Eric will share the "do's and don'ts" and other "tricks of the trade" of interior décor with guests, he was on the island in January for the Grand Opening of EQ3 and is looking forward to his return to Aruba.

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is busy preparing a very interesting program, enhanced even further by wines of the Aruba Trading and hors d'oeuvres by Papiamento Restaurant.

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*From Kansas City*

# McManus Family enjoy their Aruba vacation



EAGLE- Aruba holds many dear memories for vacationers especially for the McManus family. This past week, Heather & Tom with their three lovely children Zach, Logan and Ali enjoyed life on an oasis in paradise. The McManus family is from Kansas City, Missouri, they live on a farm



which the children love very much. When Tom asked about living in Aruba and buying a home the kids were happy but when they heard that they would have to sell the farm, the story changed.

Zach, Logan and Ali enjoyed their Aruba vacation especially relaxing with their parents by La Cabana's pool and pristine ocean. They enjoyed building sand castles, writing their names in the sand and swimming in the turquoise ocean.

Heather decided on family pictures with Aruba's picturesque backgrounds and called Bella Aruba Photography to capture treasured moments. The family took a tour of the North shore and stopped at certain locations for a photo opportunity. "Wow, this is special, a photo shoot and a tour built right in" stated Tom.

The family truly enjoyed all that Aruba had to offer including a tour at Butterfly Farm, and a jeep adventure



around the island that ended at Baby Beach which was an unforgettable experience. The family also enjoyed dining out at Hard Rock Café' and the Buccaneer Restaurant. "Our children were amazed at the enormous fish tanks filled

with turtles, shark, lobsters and colorful fish and to top it off they tried escargot for their first time. The Buccaneer was a great experience", replied Heather. □

*Photos by Angela of Bella Aruba Photography*





# Stocks tumble as stronger dollar hits commodities

By TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Bad economic news and doubts about the market's ability to rally dealt stocks a huge setback.

The Dow Jones industrials fell 187 points Monday, their biggest drop since April 20. All the major market indexes fell more than 2 percent.

Trading volume was light, suggesting an absence of buyers rather than a flood of sellers rushing to dump stocks, but the pullback nonetheless was another sign that the market's spring rally has stalled.

The slide began in Asia and Europe and spread to the U.S. as a strong dollar pushed commodities prices sharply lower. Stocks of energy and materials producers have been lifting the market in the past month so the drop in prices left stocks without an important leg of support.

Meanwhile, new worries about the economy emerged after an index of manufacturing in New York indicated that demand weakened in June. The weaker report from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York ran counter to the gradual improvement traders have grown accustomed to with other economic readings.

Analysts said stocks are also losing ground because investors are questioning what it will take to move the market higher. Ahead of Monday's slide, the S&P 500 had jumped 39.9 percent since skidding to a 12-year low on March 9. Investors have been betting on an economic recovery but questions about how long that might take are poking holes in the rally.

The unease about the economy's recovery have kept stocks from rising as quickly in recent weeks as they did in March and April. The Dow and the S&P 500 index are up 12 of the past 14 weeks, and the last four straight weeks. But traders are having a harder time wringing advances from stocks as questions remain about whether unemployment, still-weak home prices and inflation will trip up a resurgence in the economy.

Harry Rady, chief executive of

Rady Asset Management, said stocks have risen too fast given how troubled the economy remains. "The market just seems to keep driving the car into the wall and then wonders why it can't keep driving," Rady said.

The Dow fell 187.13, or 2.1 percent, to 8,612.13, and returned to a loss for the year. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 22.49, or 2.4 percent, to 923.72, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 42.42, or 2.3 percent, to 1,816.38. Both indexes still are showing a gain for 2009.

Overseas trading was influenced by the dollar, which rose against most other major currencies following weekend comments from Russia's finance minister, Alexei Kudrin, that the greenback likely would remain the world's reserve currency.

Investors have been worried in recent weeks that foreign governments would seek to spread their reserve cash holdings beyond the dollar. That would cut into demand for the currency.

Commodities including oil tend to be a hedge against a weak dollar. So, when the greenback is stronger, investors feel less need to protect themselves against it and they start selling commodities. That in turn tends to pull down the stocks of basic materials producers who profit from higher prices. Overseas, Japan's Nikkei average lost 1 percent, while Britain's FTSE 100 fell 2.6 percent, Germany's DAX fell 3.5 percent and France's CAC-40 lost 3.2 percent.

Bond prices mostly rose, driving yields down. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, a benchmark widely used for setting home mortgage rates, fell to 3.72 percent from 3.80 percent late Friday.

The dollar's rise helped send oil prices lower. Light, sweet crude fell \$1.42 to settle at \$70.62 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Investors often welcome falling commodities prices because the lower costs will have benefits across the economy. But traders have also been looking for gains

in commodities because that could signal resources are becoming more scarce as demand improves.

Commodities producers fell Monday. Aluminum maker Alcoa Inc. and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. slid. Alcoa fell 80 cents, or 6.7 percent, to \$11.19, while Freeport-McMoRan fell \$3.04, or 5.2 percent, to \$55.48. In corporate news, Goldman Sachs lowered its rating on Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to "Neutral" from "Buy," seeing few catalysts that could push the stock higher. The retailer fell \$1.56, or 3.1 percent, to \$1.57. Nick Kalivas, vice president of financial research



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 15, 2009 in New York.

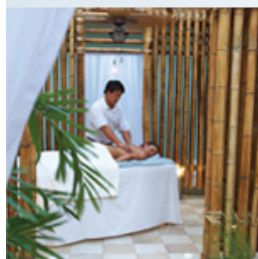
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at MF Global, said traders are cautious ahead of quarterly earnings reports this week from Best Buy Co., FedEx

Corp. and BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd., all of which are important in their industries. □

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## Ex-top exec plundered retirement plan



Former American International Group (AIG) Inc. CEO Maurice R. 'Hank' Greenberg, left, exits Manhattan federal court, Monday, June 15, 2009, in New York. AIG is in court trying to recoup money it claims was wrongly pocketed through stock sales by Greenberg.

(AP Photo/ Louis Lanzano)

By MADLEN READ,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The former top executive of American International Group Inc. plundered an AIG retirement program of billions of dollars because he was angry at being forced out of the company, a lawyer for AIG told jurors Monday at the start of a civil trial.

Attorney Theodore Wells told the jury in Manhattan that former AIG Chief Executive Officer Maurice "Hank" Greenberg improperly took \$4.3 billion in stock from the company in 2005, after he was ousted by the company amid investigations of accounting irregularities.

"Hank Greenberg was mad. He was angry," Wells said in U.S. District Court of the emotional state of the man who, over

a 35-year-career, built AIG from a small company into the world's largest insurance provider. He said the saga is a story of "anger, betrayal and cover-up."

Wells said that Greenberg, within weeks of being forced out in mid-2005, gave the go-ahead for tens of millions of shares to be sold from a trust fund. The fund was set up to provide incentive bonuses to a select group of AIG management and highly compensated employees that they would receive upon their retirement.

Wells showed the jury several clips of Greenberg speaking on videotape about the responsibilities of the trust fund. He called it Greenberg's "videotaped confession."

Wells asked the jury to award AIG \$4.276 billion and 185

million AIG shares.

Greenberg, 84, has contended through his lawyers that he had the right to sell the shares because they were owned by Starr International, a privately held company he controlled.

Greenberg's lawyer, David Boies, told the jury in his opening statement that the shares sold by his client did not belong to AIG.

"I disagree with a great many things that Mr. Wells said," Boies told the jury. He said a study of the documents in the case would prove that the shares sold by Greenberg did not belong to AIG.

"Look in this case not to what people said after this lawsuit started," Boies said. "Look to what they said and did and wrote before the lawsuit started."

Starr International was named after Cornelius Vander Starr, who created a worldwide network of insurance companies in the early 1900s. AIG maintains that Starr and Greenberg, his protege and successor, decided in the late 1960s to organize the various companies under one holding company, AIG.

Starr International remained a private company and its shareholders decided in 1970 that the amount that its shares of AIG were worth above book value of about \$110 million should be used to compensate AIG employees, AIG has said. □

## IMF projects 'solid' US recovery in mid-2010



US dollar notes are checked at a bank. The International Monetary Fund on Monday said the US economy was set to grow more strongly than previously thought, with a "solid" recovery from recession in mid-2010, but cited risks, notably from the housing crisis and rising interest rates.

(AFP/File/Jung Yeon-Je)

by Veronica Smith

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The International Monetary Fund projected Monday the United States would make a "solid" recovery from recession in mid-2010, but warned of major risks including the real-estate crisis and rising interest rates.

In its annual report on the world's biggest economy, the IMF projected US gross domestic product (GDP) would shrink at an annualized rate of 2.5 percent in 2009 and post modest 0.75 percent growth in 2010.

The outlook was better than the IMF April forecasts of a

2.8 percent contraction this year followed by flat growth in 2010.

"The staff's outlook remains for a gradual recovery" followed by a "solid recovery projected to emerge only in mid-2010," the Washington-based multilateral institution said.

The IMF estimates were less rosy than the latest US official figures. The Federal Reserve on May 20 estimated the economy would contract between 1.3-2.0 percent in 2009, in the worst downturn in decades, and grow at a modest pace between 2.0-3.0 percent in 2010.

At a news conference, John Lipsky, the IMF number two, criticized President Barack Obama's budget plan for fiscal year 2010, which begins in October, saying the projected reduction in the public debt ratio to GDP was based on "relatively optimistic" economic assumptions.

"Our estimate suggests that significant additional measures will be needed over time to ensure that these long-term targets are met," the IMF deputy managing director said.

Lipsky pointed out that US growth would depend in part on recovery from the global downturn. "The recovery is going to be broad-based, but it is going to be sluggish," he said, adding the IMF forecasts no return to trend growth in the advanced economies "until late next year."

The IMF noted that recent US economic indicators were signaling a slowing pace of deterioration, especially in the labor and housing markets which are key to economic recovery and stability.

However, "the combination of financial strains and ongoing adjustments in the housing and labor markets is expected to restrain growth for some time," it said. Economic slack would increase, pushing up unemployment to a peak "close to 10 percent" in 2010 and driving core inflation -- consumer prices minus food and energy -- to "very low levels," it said. □



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## A&E cancels Patrick Swayze drama, 'The Beast'



In this image released by A&E, Patrick Swayze is shown in a promotional photo for the A&E series, 'The Beast.'

(AP Photo/A&E, Michael Muller)

NEW YORK — A&E says with the ailing Patrick Swayze, "The Beast," its police drama will be not return for a second



FILE - In this May 20, 2009 file photo, Jessica Alba arrives for the opening of the exhibition 'Between Eternity and History: 1884-2009' on the occasion of Italian luxury jewelry maker Bulgari's 125th anniversary, in Rome's Palazzo delle Esposizioni palace.

(AP Photo/Riccardo De Luca)

## Brad Pitt, family give \$1M to Missouri hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Brad Pitt and his siblings have given \$1 million to help a Missouri hospital open a new pediatric cancer center that will be named for their mother.

Pitt and his siblings' families, Doug and Lisa Pitt and Rob and Julie Neal, gave the money to St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo., on Saturday in honor of their mother's passion for children's issues.

The hospital is opening the Jane Pitt Pediatric Cancer Center this summer in the town where Pitt and his siblings grew up. The donation will pay to hire the only pediatric oncologist and hematologist in the southwest Missouri region.

The new center will make St. John's one of six affiliates of St. Jude's Children's Research in Memphis, Tenn., meaning

season.

The series, which premiered in January, starred Swayze as a rogue cop in Chicago.

Swazye battled pancreatic cancer throughout the 13-episode season's production. The 56-year-old actor went public with his diagnosis in 2008, and is continuing to fight the illness.

The series, which drew an average audience of about 1.3 million viewers, was not deemed to be a ratings hit.

A&E President Bob DeBitetto (DEE'-buh-TET-oh) called the series "a labor of love" and hailed Swayze's passion and tenacity. □

## Jessica Alba won't face vandalism charges

OKLAHOMA CITY — Police have decided against pursuing a criminal vandalism case against Jessica Alba over some posters that were plastered around downtown Oklahoma City. Police Sgt. Gary Knight said none of the owners of property on which the posters were placed wanted to press charges against Alba, who has apologized.

Police never interviewed the 28-year-old co-star of the "Fantastic Four" movies, "Sin City" and "Good Luck Chuck." She is in Oklahoma City shooting a movie, "The Killer Inside Me."

Police found the posters — aimed at raising awareness about sharks' declining numbers — glued to a downtown bridge, utility boxes and a billboard for the United Way charity.

Knight said it is typical not to pursue vandalism charges when property owners don't want to prosecute. □

## Lingering 'Hangover' leads box office with \$32.8M

LOS ANGELES — "The Hangover" is not going away any time soon.

The bachelor-bash comedy remained No. 1 at the weekend box office with \$32.8 million, while the animated adventure "Up" came in a close second again with \$30.8 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com are:

1. "The Hangover," Warner Bros., \$32,794,387, 3,355 locations, \$9,775 average, \$104,768,489, two weeks.
2. "Up," Disney, \$30,762,280, 3,886 locations, \$7,916 average, \$187,425,989, three weeks.
3. "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3," Sony \$23,373,102, 3,074 locations, \$7,603 average, \$23,373,102, one week.
4. "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," Fox, \$9,616,907, 3,365 locations, \$2,858 average, \$143,463,712, four weeks.
5. "Land of the Lost," Universal, \$8,994,030, 3,534 locations, \$2,545 average, \$34,820,550, two weeks.
6. "Imagine That," Paramount, \$5,503,519, 3,008 locations, \$1,830 average, \$5,503,519, one week.
7. "Star Trek," Paramount, \$5,454,563, 2,638 locations, \$2,068 average, \$231,882,965, six weeks.
8. "Terminator Salvation," Warner Bros., \$4,787,487, 2,650 locations, \$1,807 average, \$113,923,159, four weeks.
9. "Angels & Demons," Sony, \$4,111,457, 2,436 locations, \$1,688 average, \$123,211,661, five weeks.
10. "Drag Me to Hell," Universal, \$3,932,585, 2,273 locations, \$1,730 average, \$35,214,475, three weeks.
11. "My Life in Ruins," Fox Searchlight, \$1,710,353, 1,165 locations, \$1,468 average, \$6,371,636, two weeks.
12. "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," Fox, \$933,573, 799 locations, \$1,168 average, \$176,150,506, seven weeks.
13. "Dance Flick," Paramount, \$721,431, 810 locations, \$891 average, \$24,150,493, four weeks.
14. "Away We Go," Focus, \$560,815, 45 locations, \$12,463 average, \$757,635, two weeks.
15. "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past," Warner Bros., \$466,250, 545 locations, \$856 average, \$52,895,861, seven weeks.
16. "17 Again," Warner Bros., \$415,883, 388 locations, \$1,072 average, \$62,144,014, nine weeks.
17. "Easy Virtue," Sony Pictures Classics, \$299,716, 90 locations, \$3,330 average, \$1,004,798, four weeks.
18. "The Brothers Bloom," Summit, \$296,404, 173 locations, \$1,713 average, \$2,508,778, five weeks.
19. "Under the Sea," Warner Bros., \$227,619, 42 locations, \$5,420 average, \$9,849,564, 18 weeks.
20. "Monsters vs. Aliens," Paramount, \$205,122, 255 locations, \$804 average, \$195,220,748, 12 weeks.



FILE - In this Dec. 8, 2008 file photo, from left, Brad Pitt's father, William Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt's mother, Jane Pitt, and Brad Pitt arrive at the premiere of 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button' in Los Angeles.

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## Democracy in Iran



# Dare to Defeat ObamaCare

**Yuval Levin and William Kristol**

Washington (The Weekly Standard) Vol. 014, Issue 38 - 6/22/2009 – As long as the health care reform plan envisioned by the Obama administration and congressional Democrats was just a series of slogans, it was easy for the left to build support for it and difficult for the right to imagine how it could be stopped. It is hard, after all, to object to vague promises to cut health care costs and cover the uninsured and improve health outcomes. The brute fact of Democratic domination of Washington gave key health industry players an incentive to look as if they wanted to cooperate with the Obama administration. The whole affair began to assume an air of inevitability.

But as general slogans give way to particular plans, reality is setting in. Outlines and drafts of the key House and Senate bills began to emerge last week, and the grim reality of what the Democrats in fact have in mind has started to exercise an undeniable effect upon the politics of health care. The fact is, the Democrats' proposals are a liberal wish list of expansions of the role of government in health care, combining an array of taxes, regulations, incentives, and mandates aimed over time to create a massive and unfunded new entitlement that would limit patient choices, ration care, and bankrupt the Treasury. The Democrats' plan would force everyone into the system through an individual mandate and lead employers to drop their health coverage; their new public insurance plan would then price private insurers out of the game and attract the refugees from private coverage into the public system. All of this would put us well on the road to government-run health care.

At the core of this scheme, and of the growing political restlessness about it, is the proposed government insurance "option"—essentially a new insurance company run by the federal government. Its

defenders argue it would have no inherent advantage over private insurers and would simply spur them to improve their offerings through healthy competition. As President Obama put it last week, "One of the options in the exchange should be a public insurance option . . . [because] if the private insurance companies have to compete with a public option, it will keep them honest and help keep prices down."

It's an interesting statement. We had thought the role of government was to set rules for honest private competition, which does keep prices down and improve products. And there are reforms that could improve the important rule-setting role government should play, and could increase private competition and transparency. But Obama wants government to be one of the competitors—in the alleged interest of honesty and price reduction. When has a government alternative produced those results? Clearly the point is to use the power of the government to impose price controls and override state rules in order to undersell private insurers. The public plan is a gradual path to single payer health care, aimed at moving American health care in a European or Canadian direction.

This has made the Obama plan increasingly controversial, if not imperiled. Essentially every Republican in Washington has expressed firm opposition to a government plan, and a growing number of Democrats are doing the same. Nebraska senator Ben Nelson has called it a deal-breaker. Louisiana's Mary Landrieu said last week she would not vote for it. Many other Democrats in the Senate and the House are wary, to say the least.

Meanwhile, those industry groups who joined President Obama at the White House for a photo-op last month are now worried. One of them, the American Medical Association, announced last

week it would oppose outright any plan with a government insurance option. "The introduction of a new public plan threatens to restrict patient choice by driving out private insurers," the AMA said, and the requirements of such a plan would severely burden doctors and "would likely lead to an explosion of costs that would need to be absorbed by taxpayers." The American Hospital Association sent a letter to its members in late May clarifying that "The A.H.A. did not commit to support the 'Obama health plan' or budget." AHIP, the association of insurance providers, is preparing to mount a campaign against the public plan.

The government insurance "option" is clearly shaping up to be the first key vulnerability of ObamaCare. It is crucial to the logic of the Democrats' approach, as it would offer convenient cover both for the move toward government financing of coverage and for the rationing of care such a move would require. The president, congressional leaders, and key liberal interest groups have insisted it be part of any reform effort. But as outside opposition grows, it is far from clear that the government option will have the votes to pass. If it were voted down or pulled out of the Democrats' bills, the logic and the inevitability of the remainder of their reform effort would be called into question, and Republicans would face a real opportunity to make the case for their own brand of reform, and to stop the ObamaCare train in its tracks.

It is crucial that they seize the opportunity. The public plan is not the only important question in the health care debate. There are many other strong reasons for stopping a plan that would cost at least \$1.5 trillion, create a huge and growing new entitlement without paying for it, impose great financial burdens on employers and individuals, displace millions of families who are happy with

their existing health care arrangements, lead to increasing rationing of care, and do very little else to control health care costs. If they lose the government plan the Democrats will still pursue its ends by other means—including onerous new mandates and the federalization of insurance regulation envisioned in their bills. So conservatives need to defeat the government insurance "option"—and then move on to finish the job by exposing the other massive problems with ObamaCare, so as to bring the whole edifice of bad and dangerous "reform" crashing down. The good news is that opinion polls suggest the vast majority of Americans do not want their health coverage forcibly changed by the federal government. Indeed, Americans today are less persuaded of the need for radical reform than they were the last time the Democrats tried to enact one, in 1993. As Michael Barone points out, "An April tracking poll conducted for the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that voters rank changing health care below strengthening the economy, stabilizing Medicare and Social Security, and reducing the federal budget deficit on a list of eight possible priorities. . . . The blunt fact is that most Americans are satisfied with their health insurance and don't believe major legislation will improve things for them." The American public is right. ObamaCare is wrong. It should and can be defeated. It is moderates and Democrats who ultimately will defeat it late this year or next—but they will do so only if Republicans stand firm now and conservatives make the arguments now. If we do, and this fight goes well, the struggle to save the country from ObamaCare could mark the beginning of a new center-right coalition to restrain the grossly excessive ambitions of the administration and congressional Democrats, with regard not only to health care but to spending and borrowing, and to the role and reach of government more broadly. □



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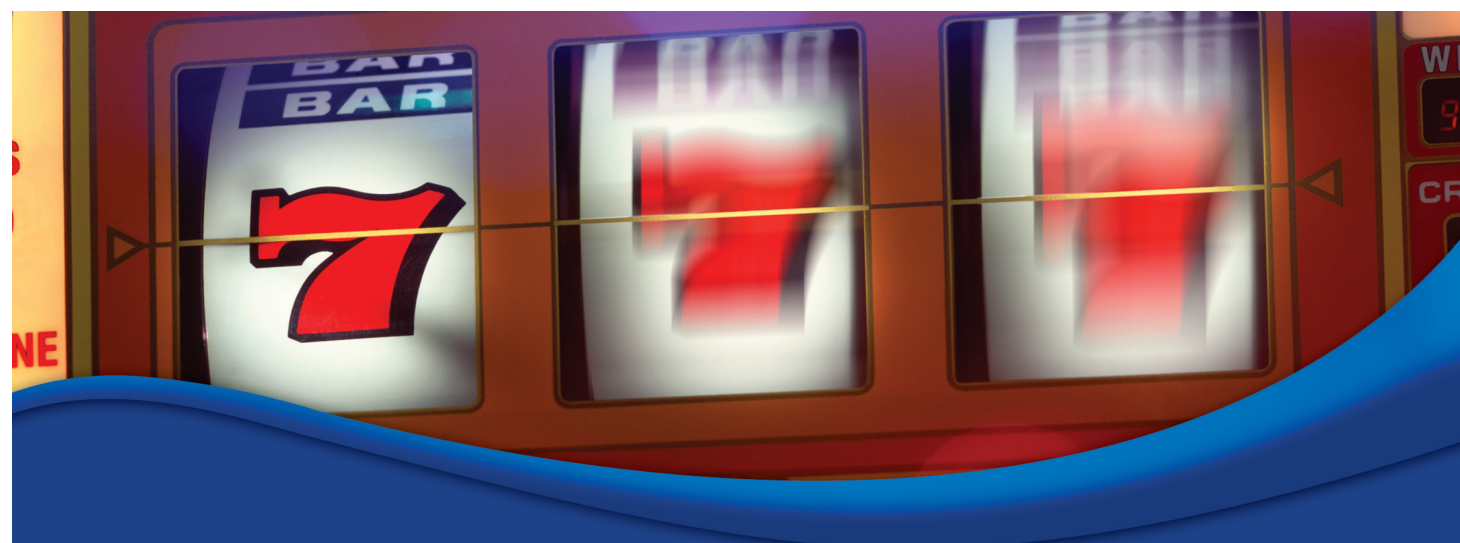
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Pro-reform leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, center, stands to greet his supporters during a rally in Tehran, Iran, on Monday June 15, 2009. The crowd, many wearing the trademark green color of Mousavi's campaign, was headed toward the capital's huge Freedom Square in the largest display of opposition unity since Friday's elections ended with Mousavi claiming widespread fraud.

*Associated Press*

## Iranian protester killed after opposition rally

ANNA JOHNSON  
Associated Press Writers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In a massive outpouring reminiscent of the Islamic Revolution three decades ago, hundreds of thousands of

Iranians streamed through the capital Monday, and the fist-waving protesters denounced President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's claim to victory in a disputed election.

Standing on rooftops, pro-government gunmen opened fire on a group of protesters who had tried to storm the militia's compound.

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## Family time eroding in U.S. as Internet use soars

BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether it's around the dinner table or just in front of the TV, U.S. families say they are spending less time together. The decline in family time coincides with a rise in Internet use and the popularity of social networks, though a new study stopped just short of assigning blame.

The Annenberg Center for the Digital Future at the University of Southern California is reporting this week that 28 percent of Americans it interviewed last year said they have been spending less time with members of their households. That's nearly triple the 11 percent who said that in 2006.

These people did not report spending less time with their friends, however.

Michael Gilbert, a senior fellow at the center, said people report spending less time with family members just as social networks like

Facebook, Twitter and MySpace are booming, along with the importance people place on them.

Five-year-old Facebook's active user base, for example, has surged to more than 200 million active users, up from 100 million last August. Meanwhile, more people say they are worried about how much time kids and teenagers spend online. In 2000, when the center began its annual surveys on Americans and the Internet, only 11 percent of respondents said that family members under 18 were spending too much time online. By 2008, that grew to 28 percent. "Most people think of the Internet and (our) digital future as boundless, and I do too," Gilbert said.

But, he added, "it can't be a good thing that families are spending less face-to-face time together. Ultimately it leads to less cohesive and less communicative families."

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## Capt. America rises from the dead for new series



In this comic book image released by Marvel Comics, Captain America is shown from, "Captain America Reborn," a five part series from Marvel Comics, available in stores on July 1, 2009.

*Associated Press*

ERIN CARLSON

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Captain America is rising from the grave.

The Marvel Comics superhero returns for the five-part series "Captain America Reborn," beginning July 1.

But Marvel won't disclose how he rises from the dead. Executive Editor Tom Brevoort teases that the character has been "on a Vonnegut-esque metaphysical

journey," including some soul-searching about his place in the world.

"He hasn't just been lying in a cold grave for these many months," Brevoort says. "While he seems to be dead, his mind and his spirit" are active elsewhere. Captain America, the superhero alter ego of Steve Rogers, was apparently shot and killed two years ago on the steps of a courthouse in lower Manhattan.

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The AOL home page is displayed on a user's computer in Palo Alto, Calif., Thursday, May 28, 2009. Time Warner Inc. is dumping AOL after spending nearly a decade trying to build a new-age media empire only to wind up in a weaker position than when the marriage began.

*Associated Press*



# Administration calls for financial system overhaul



U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner listens to a question during an interview at Time Warner headquarters in New York, Monday, June 15, 2009.

*Associated Press*

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

**AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Obama administration wants to overhaul the U.S. financial rule book by giving the Federal Reserve increased powers but, bowing to critics in Congress, is backing away from proposals to consolidate

various regulatory agencies.

The administration's overhaul plan would make the Fed a systemic risk regulator to oversee large institutions whose failure could threaten the stability of the entire system.

It also would create a council of regulators with broad

coordination responsibility across the financial system, administration officials said.

And the administration plans a stronger framework for investor protection, including increased oversight of consumer products ranging from credit cards to annuities, officials said.

Speaking in New York on Monday, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said the regulatory overhaul will eliminate "gaps" in the financial system that encouraged risky behavior leading up to the meltdown.

"We had a financial system that was fundamentally too unstable and fragile, and it did a bad job of basic protection of consumers and investors," Geithner said during an economic conference hosted by Time Warner Inc. "Those are things we have to change."

The White House said that

Obama would unveil his regulatory overhaul plan on Wednesday.

The administration's regulatory proposals were outlined in an opinion piece by Geithner and Lawrence Summers, director of the president's National Economic Council, published Monday in The Washington Post.

The piece indicated that the administration has backed away from a more extensive overhaul that would have consolidated all banking regulation into one agency.

Supporters of this approach, including Sen. Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, have argued that the current system is inefficient.

"Retaining multiple regulatory entities preserves the regulatory arbitrage that allows institutions to pick the oversight scheme that benefits them the most, often at the expense of consumers and the

health of the system overall," Schumer wrote in a letter to Geithner on Friday.

A proposal to merge the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission also has been abandoned.

Geithner and Summers wrote that the administration's overhaul will advocate increasing capital and liquidity requirements for all financial institutions and will impose more stringent requirements on the largest and most interconnected firms.

Scott Talbott, a senior vice president at the Financial Services Roundtable, said his association supports the administration's basic approach, but was disappointed that the opinion piece did not mention the need to revamp regulations covering insurance.

Insurance companies are now governed by state insurance commissions, and large insurance companies have argued they need the option of a federal overseer.

At his appearance in New York, Geithner declined to give specifics on the regulatory reform plan or say whether it will include eliminating certain agencies.

The administration was still expected to call for the functions of the Office of Thrift Supervision to be merged into the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. But it would leave the Fed, the OCC and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. as major banking regulators.

The administration's plan will impose "robust reporting requirements" on issuers of asset-backed securities and require institutions that sell them to retain a financial interest in their performance, Summers and Geithner wrote. The sale of securities backed by subprime mortgages was among the major causes of the financial crisis that struck with force last fall.

Summers and Geithner said the administration also will work to raise international standards for financial regulation. □

## U.S. reveals new pieces of Guantanamo hearings

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**Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accused al-Qaida mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed complained interrogators tortured lies out of him, though he proudly took credit for more than two dozen other terror plots, according to newly-released sections of U.S. government transcripts.

"I make up stories," Mohammed said at one point in his 2007 hearing at Guantanamo Bay.

In broken English, he described an interrogation in which he was asked the location of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

"Where is he? I don't know," Mohammed said. "Then he torture me. Then I said, 'Yes, he is in this area or this is al-Qaida which I don't know him.' I said no, they torture me."

Yet at the same military tribunal hearing, Mohammed ticks off a list of 29 terror plots in which he took part.

The transcripts were released as part of a lawsuit in which the American Civil Liberties Union is seeking documents and details of the government's terror detainee programs.

Previous accounts of the military tribunal hearings had been made public, but the Obama administration went back and reviewed the still-secret sections and determined that some more could now be released.

Most of the new material centers around the detainees' claims



In this photo reviewed by the U.S. military and made through a window, flags wave above a sign posted at the entrance to Camp Justice, the site of the U.S. war crimes tribunal compound, on Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba, Sunday, May 31, 2009. A session of the Guantanamo war crimes court began Sunday for Canadian Omar Khadr who is charged with killing an American soldier.

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of abuse during interrogations while being held overseas in CIA custody.

One detainee, Abu Zubaydah, told the tribunal that after months "of suffering and torture, physically and mentally, they did not care about my injuries."

Zubaydah was the first detainee subjected to Bush-administration approved harsh interrogation techniques, which included a simulated form of drowning known as waterboarding, as well as slamming the suspect into walls, and prolonged period of forced nudity.

Zubaydah claimed in the hearing that he "nearly died four times."

"After a few months went by, during which I almost lost my mind and my life, they made sure I didn't die," Zubaydah said. He claimed that after many months of such treatment, authorities concluded he was not the No. 3 person in al-Qaida as they had long believed. □







Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Millham, 31, from New Paltz, N.Y., a former reporter for the military newspaper Stars and Stripes, checks the Facebook site in Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday, May 31, 2009. The U.S. military this week is launching a Facebook page, a YouTube site and feeds on Twitter as part of a new communications effort to reach a non-newspaper reading Internet audience and to fight fast-moving Taliban propaganda.

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#### INTERNET USE

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In the first half of the decade, people reported spending an average of 26 hours per month with their families. By 2008, however, that shared time had dropped by more than 30 percent, to about 18 hours.

The advent of new technologies has, in some ways, always changed the way family members interact.

Cell phones make it easier for parents to keep track of where their children are, while giving kids the kind of privacy they wouldn't have had in the days of landlines.

Television has cut into dinner time, and as TV sets became cheaper, they also multiplied, so that kids and parents no longer have to congregate in the living room to watch it.

But Gilbert said the Internet is so engrossing, and demands so much more attention than

other technologies, that it can disrupt personal boundaries in ways other technologies wouldn't have.

"It's not like television, where you can sit around with your family and watch," he said. The Internet, he noted, is mostly one-on-one. Likely because they can afford more Web-connected gadgets, higher-income families reported greater loss of family time than those who make less money. And more women than men said they felt ignored by a family member using the Internet. The center's latest survey was a random poll of 2,030 people ages 12 and up was conducted April 9 to June 30, 2008, and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. □

# Maine woman held in child porn probe after UK tip

CARIBOU, Maine (AP) —

An investigation that started in Britain led to the arrest of a woman who is accused of abusing a child and transmitting images of that online.

Julie M. Carr, 31, was arrested Friday after a tip from police in Britain's West Midlands about video that had been streamed online showing a woman performing sex acts on a child.

She was charged Monday with gross sexual assault and sexual exploitation of a minor. She was being held in the Aroostook County Jail in Houlton, on the Canadian border about 120 miles (193 kilometers) north of Bangor. She appeared in Superior Court in Caribou by videoconference but didn't enter a plea.

British media reported that an 18-year-old was arrested in Walsall, England, as part of the investigation and was charged with possession of child pornography. Walsall is just north of Birmingham, one of Britain's biggest cities.

U.S. investigators from state police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency recovered evidence related to the crime, said Sgt. John Cote, a state police detective.

A judge set bond for Carr, who



In this photo released by Aroostook County Jail, shows Julie M. Carr in this undated photo. Carr, 30, of Mars Hill, Maine, was charged Monday, June 15, 2009, with gross sexual assault and sexual exploitation of minors.

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lives in Mars Hill, at \$100,000 in property or \$50,000 cash. The defendant had no attorney and couldn't be reached Monday night for comment at the jail.

Aroostook County District Attorney Neale Adams

declined comment on news reports that Carr's four children were taken into protective custody by the state.

Authorities didn't provide any background information on the child they say was exploited online. □

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# Obama issues U.S. doctors stern pitch for health fix



President Barack Obama address the American Medical Association during their annual meeting in Chicago, Monday, June 15, 2009.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama told American doctors Monday they must join him in fixing a crumbling health care system, pitching an overhaul to a group deeply suspicious of government meddling.

To a degree, Obama's appearance Monday smacked of his having walked into the lion's den. While American physicians are discouraged and even angry about a system that overburdens them with paperwork and allows private insurance companies too much power to dictate treatment, many doctors are even more concerned about government involvement

in their relationship with patients.

Denying yet again he wants to establish a government-run system of "socialized" medicine, Obama told a meeting of the powerful American Medical Association to beware of "scare tactics and fear-mongering" from those with a vested interest in the current system.

"They'll give dire warnings about socialized medicine and government takeovers; long lines and rationed care; decisions made by bureaucrats and not doctors. We've heard it all before — and because these fear tactics have worked, things have kept getting worse," Obama said at the AMA gathering in Chicago.

In one of his longest dissertations on the need for reform, Obama yet again promised Americans:

"If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor. Period. If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan. Period. No one will take it away. No matter what."

Aside from the extraordinary growth in health care costs, Obama again raised the needs of an estimated 50 million Americans who have no insurance to help with medical costs, creating a reality "where a single illness can wipe out a lifetime of savings."

The United States spends about two-and-a-half times as much on health care as other industrialized countries, but its citizens do not enjoy longer life expectancies than nations that spend far less.

A 2003 study estimated that health care costs for the uninsured account for about 3 percent of health care spending, with taxpayers covering about 80 percent to 85 percent of the cost through a variety of government programs.

With its multiple layers of private insurance companies and public health programs, administrative costs in the U.S. are higher than in other countries. A 2005 study estimated administrative costs in California — the most populous state — at about 20 percent, and a national study from the 1990s put the share

at 25 percent.

In a speech that stretched to nearly an hour, Obama made news when he recommended that all Americans — except those too poor to afford it — be required to have health insurance, whether through the private system or his proposal for creating a "government option."

"Every American bears responsibility for owning health insurance," the president said, adding that the government would help those without the means to buy even the most inexpensive and bare-bones coverage.

And the somewhat muted response that greeted Obama applause lines from the gathered physicians turned outwardly negative when the president said he did not favor setting upper limits on awards to patients who successfully sue their doctors for malpractice.

Doctors complain that part of the big rise in the cost of health care grows out of the burgeoning price they must pay to insure themselves against law suits from patients who claim they were not given proper care.

While glancing off plans ranging from savings through computerized medical records to cutting the cost of medical education, Obama sought to drive home the need for reform by telling the assembled physicians that the system is "a ticking bomb."

Health care spending, Obama said, could force America to "go the way of GM — paying more, getting less, and going broke." General Motors is the American automaker that recently filed for bankruptcy in part because of the cost of insuring the health of its workers and retirees.

While standing alone as the only major industrial nation without a government health care system, the issue has deep philosophical roots in the United States. Most Republican lawmakers, organizations in the health care industry, insurance companies and some conservative Democrats are balking at even the modest government intervention in the system. □

## U.S. and Mexico agree to improve customs

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. and Mexico formalized an agreement Monday to work together to secure legal travel and trade across the countries' shared border.

The agreement is outlined in a letter of intent signed by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Mexico's Finance Minister Agustin Carstens. It expands a 2007 agreement and formalizes plans announced earlier this year to search vehicles at border crossings for bulk weapons and cash being smuggled from the U.S. into Mexico where more than 10,800 people have been killed by drug violence since December 2006.

Napolitano said the cooperation will include sharing information such as data about stolen cars.

Officials have said many of the weapons used in cartel violence in Mexico have come from the U.S.

Both countries are



Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Mexican Finance Minister Agustin Carstens, right, smile after signing documents in Washington, Monday, June 15, 2009, announcing new areas of bilateral cooperation that increase security along the Southwest border, and to assist President Felipe Calderon's efforts to combat drug-related violence in Mexico.

*Associated Press*

responsible for what goes into Mexico from the U.S., Napolitano said Monday at a news conference. "Our view is that we can either point fingers at each other, or we can work together," she said.

Officials said the agreement will improve communication and strengthen coordination on border enforcement. For instance, the U.S. will train Mexican customs agents and dogs and use more technology along the

border.

"The more we work together, the better the service and security we provide to our peoples and economies," Carstens said in a statement.

The agreement is part of the U.S.-Mexico effort to curb drug and weapons trafficking and crack down on smuggling cartels. Mexico has deployed more than 45,000 soldiers across the country to fight the heavily armed cartels. □



# LAPD sends home rowdy crowd after Lakers win title

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LOS ANGELES (AP)

— Hundreds celebrated in the streets outside Los Angeles' Staples Center after the Lakers' NBA title win Sunday night, with some revelers damaging police cruisers, throwing rocks and bottles at officers and setting bonfires in the street, authorities said.

About 25 people were arrested, most part of a rowdy crowd that split off on to surrounding streets after police declared the gathering an unlawful assembly, police officer Karen Rayner said.

Several police cruisers were damaged and reinforcement officers were called in from throughout the city to help disperse the crowd, Rayner said.

Aerial television footage showed people jumping on a police car, rocking vehicles attempting to pass through the crowd, setting small trees on fire and throwing fireworks and flares set up by police. No injuries were

reported.

A garage was looted and several cars, buses and a news van were vandalized, police said.

Chief William Bratton commended officers for showing restraint despite "a lot of provocation from a number of knuckleheads," he told KTTV-TV.

"It's not easy to stand there when cowards in the middle of the crowd are throwing rocks and bottles at them," Bratton said.

Police department strike teams pushed people from the immediate area around the Staples Center into surrounding neighborhoods, breaking the crowds into progressively smaller clusters, police spokeswoman Mary Grady said.

The department declared a citywide tactical alert, with all officers on duty to remain on the job until the crowds had been completely dispersed, she said.

Rayner said the arrests were for disturbing the peace, arson, outstanding warrants

and other crimes.

Across the country in Florida, the Lakers beat the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 of the NBA finals to win their 15th championship.

The game was not shown at the Staples Center as it had been in previous years, but revelers from surrounding bars and restaurants and nearby neighborhoods descended on the area around the Lakers' home for a post-game celebration.

Ben Weiser, 21, donned a Lakers jersey and came downtown from North Hollywood with two friends to be among other fans.

"I watched the last game at home but tonight I wanted to be where the action is," Weiser said.

Television reports also showed small crowds of people parading through the streets of East Los Angeles, where excitement over the Lakers' Game 4 win Thursday night spilled into the streets, with rowdy fans swarming vehicles trying to pass through the area.

"Right this second, it's kind of a split," he says. "When Steve was first killed, there was great outcry. But then as Bucky has taken over as Cap, and has sort of struggled to fill those big shoes, a lot of our readers have really taken to him as a character."

He says Marvel planned to bring back Rogers in one shape or form and, given the general mood of the country, the timing seemed right to resurrect one of the comic book empire's most patriotic icons.

"It feels like there's a desire for hopefulness," he says. "A desire for heroes and for somebody to show us that we can be our better selves, and to help pull us all up by our bootstraps and get out of the situations that we find ourselves in." □



A Los Angeles police officer pushes a man to a sidewalk in downtown Los Angeles as Lakers fans cheer after the Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals, Sunday, June 14, 2009.

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Fans there filled the streets again Sunday night, but large numbers of sheriff's deputies quickly dispersed the crowd without incident. Bratton said that despite the problems the night went "pretty well" compared to expectations following the more widespread violence and vandalism of previous championship celebrations. In 2000, after the Lakers won their first NBA title in 12 years, fans rioted outside Staples Center, burning police cars and leaving

more than 70 vehicles damaged, many at nearby auto dealerships. At least 11 people were arrested and a dozen were injured.

Before the game, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said if the Lakers win they should have a victory parade in Los Angeles, despite the city's budget woes.

Villaraigosa said he would work with the private sector to help fund the celebration, which was expected to occur on Wednesday. □

## CAPTAIN AMERICA

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He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Rogers' sidekick Bucky Barnes took his place, continuing the series. Brevoort says Barnes will embark on a quest to revive Rogers after tracking down what really happened to him.

"There's definitely a question that must arise, which is 'Can there be more than one Captain America?'" says Brevoort. "And if not, even if there can't, what does this mean for Bucky? Where does he fit in the world now?"

According to Brevoort, some Bucky fans are none too pleased.

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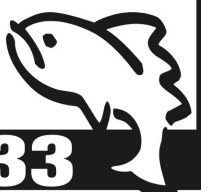
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A member of a pro-government militia throws a rock in the direction of demonstrators as they approach the militia's base, near a rally supporting leading opposition presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi in Tehran, Iran, Monday, June 15, 2009. Hundreds of thousands gathered in Azadi (Freedom) square in Tehran to support Mousavi, who claims there was election fraud in Friday's vote.

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## OPPOSITION RALLY Continued from Page B1

One man was killed and several others were wounded in the worst violence since the disputed election Friday.

Angry men showed their bloody palms after cradling the dead and wounded who had been part of a crowd that stretched more than five miles (nearly 10 kilometers) supporting reform leader Mir Hossein Mousavi.

The huge rally reinforced what has become increasingly clearer since the election: the opposition forces rallying behind Mousavi show no signs of backing down. Their resolve appears to have pushed Iran's Islamic establishment into attempts to cool the tensions after days of unrest.

Police and other security forces stood by quietly — some sitting on stoops with their batons and shields resting behind them as the marchers swallowed the streets in parts of Tehran. Estimates put the turnout at hundreds of thousands overflowing the square, where crowds of 200,000 have filled the plaza in the past.

Mousavi made his first public appearance since the polls closed, and he launched his claims that the vote was rigged to re-elect the hard-line president.

Brief clips of the march were shown on state television in an extremely rare nod to anti-government attacks.

"Respect the people's vote!" Mousavi cried through a hand-held loudspeaker in Azadi, or Freedom, Square — where Iran's leaders hold military and political gatherings.

It appeared that Iran's ruling clerics had opened the door for the demonstration — even giving it news coverage — in a possible bid to avoid more street clashes and seek some breathing room in the growing confrontation.

But a single moment could change all that. Gunfire erupted from a compound used by the Basij, a volunteer militia linked to Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard. An Associated Press photographer saw at least one demonstrator killed and several others with what appeared to be serious injuries. The protesters had tried to storm and set fire to

the compound on the edge of Azadi Square.

Some reports put the death toll higher, but they could not be confirmed.

The dead man, wearing a white shirt and khaki pants, lay sprawled on the sidewalk with blood from a head wound spilling onto the pavement. Nearby, protesters carried another gunshot victim, a makeshift tourniquet around his thigh, onto the back of a yellow taxi.

It was first known death in Tehran since postelection clashes erupted and could be a further rallying point in a culture that venerates martyrs and often marks their death with memorials. One of Mousavi's Web sites said a student protester was killed early Monday in clashes with plainclothes hard-liners in Shiraz in southern Iran. But there was no independent confirmation of the report.

The United States was "deeply troubled" by reports of violence and arrests in Iran, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said, but he added that the U.S. knows too little about the conduct of the election to say for sure whether there was fraud.

Britain and Germany joined the calls of alarm over the rising confrontations in Iran. In Paris, the Foreign Ministry summoned the Iranian ambassador to discuss the allegations of vote-tampering and the violence.

Protests also spread across the country. Witnesses told the AP that pro-Mousavi demonstrators clashed with police in the historic city of Esfahan and the northeastern city of Mashhad, a conservative bastion with one of Iran's most holy Shiite shrines.

Police in Shiraz fired in the air to disperse several pro-Mousavi gatherings. Fars Province Police Gen. Ali Moayeri said officers had been "authorized to shoot. From now on we will respond harshly."

In the heavily Arab city of Ahvaz near the Iraqi border, a crowd of about 2,000 people chanted: "We don't want a dictator!" Police attacked some with batons.

Mousavi said another rally was planned for Tuesday in north Tehran, the hub of his youth-

driven campaign and now a nerve center for his opposition movement.

This is the type spreading unrest most feared by Iran's non-elected ruling clerics, who control all important decisions but are rarely drawn directly into political disputes. A long and bitter movement against Ahmadinejad could push the dissent past the presidency and target the theocracy itself. It also has the potential to embolden some members of the ruling inner circle, such as the powerful former President Hashemi Rafsanjani, who strongly opposed Ahmadinejad during the campaign.


"That sets you up for a tremendous split," said Jon Alterman, head of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "It could be tremendously destabilizing because if the office of (Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei) is damaged, then the whole shape of leadership ... moves into flux."

There's widespread belief that Khamenei — the successor of the Islamic Revolution patriarch Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini — will do what it takes to keep the system intact.


He welcomed Ahmadinejad's victory on Saturday. By Monday, however, he directed one of Iran's most influential bodies, the Guardian Council, to examine claims of election fraud. The move had no guarantee it would satisfy those challenging Ahmadinejad's re-election or quell their anger after the weekend unrest.

The 12-member Guardian Council, made up of clerics and experts in Islamic law and closely allied to Khamenei, must certify ballot results and has the apparent authority to nullify an election. It would be an unprecedented step. Claims of voting irregularities went to the council after Ahmadinejad's upset victory in 2005, but there was no official word on the outcome of the inquiry, and the vote stood.

More likely, the intervention by Khamenei sought to lower the tensions and give some time for possible further talks with Mousavi, who was prime minister in the 1980s. □



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# U.S. Gen McChrystal takes command in Afghanistan

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KABUL (AP) — Gen. Stanley McChrystal, a four-star American general with a long history in elite special operations, took charge of U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan on Monday, a change the Pentagon hopes will turn the tide in an increasingly violent eight-year war.

McChrystal took command during a low-key ceremony at the heavily fortified headquarters of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in central Kabul. His predecessor, Gen. David McKiernan, was fired last month by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates one year into a two-year assignment, and McKiernan quietly left the country earlier this month.

McChrystal is expected to take a more unconventional approach to the increasingly violent campaign in Afghanistan, utilizing decades of experience in special operations — elite military units that typically carry out dangerous and secretive missions.

He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 as a

one-star general and later was named commanding general of the Joint Special Operations Command based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is seen as well-suited to oversee the special missions in Afghanistan that target insurgent leaders.

Speaking before a crowd of several hundred troops and dignitaries at a ceremony filled with colorful flags and a military band, McChrystal said that the international mission “must recapture the excitement and inspiration that ignited this country” after the 2001 fall of the Taliban regime.

He addressed one of the most contentious issues facing the U.S. and NATO: the deaths of Afghan civilians during military operations, an issue President Hamid Karzai warned the general about when the two met Sunday.

“The Afghan people are at the center of our mission. In reality, they are the mission. We must protect them from violence, whatever its nature,” McChrystal said. “But while operating with care, we will not be timid.”

McChrystal will command the largest international

force ever in Afghanistan. A record 56,000 U.S. troops are in the country, alongside 32,000 forces from 41 other countries.

President Barack Obama has increased the U.S. focus on Afghanistan this year, ordering 21,000 new troops to the country even as the U.S. begins to pull troops out of Iraq.

American Marines have poured into Helmand province the last several weeks in an effort to stamp out an insurgency that has a strong hold in the world’s largest opium-poppy growing region.

Militant attacks have risen steadily in the last three years and have reached a new high. U.S. Gen. David Petraeus said Afghanistan saw 400 insurgent attacks during the first week of June. In comparison, there were less than 50 attacks per week in January 2004.

On Sunday, Karzai warned McChrystal that the “most important element of the mission” is to protect Afghan civilians.

Civilian casualties during military operations have long been a point of friction between Karzai and the U.S. The most contentious civilian



U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, right, salutes during his assumption of a command ceremony as the head of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan in Kabul, Monday, June 15, 2009. At left is German Gen. Egon Ramms, commander of the NATO's Joint Force Command.

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deaths in U.S. military operations in recent years have involved U.S. Special Operations Forces, which McChrystal commanded from 2006 to mid-2008.

In early May, dozens of civilians were killed when U.S. and Afghan troops backed by U.S. fighter aircraft battled militants in southwestern Farah province. The Afghan government says 140 civilians died, while an Afghan human rights group says around 100 were killed. The U.S., however, says no

more than 30 civilians were killed in addition to 60 to 65 militants.

McChrystal has already pledged to reduce the number of Afghan villagers killed in fighting, saying he intends to review U.S. and allied operating procedures with an eye to minimizing civilian deaths. “Although I expect stiff fighting ahead, the measure of effectiveness will not be enemy killed. It will be the number of Afghans shielded from violence,” he told Congress this month. □



A Yemeni security armored vehicle patrol in the capital San'a, Yemen, Monday, June 15, 2009. Three German women hostages have been found dead early Monday in the rugged Saada mountains, and their bodies mutilated, a Yemeni security official said.

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SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — At least three kidnapped foreigners have been killed in a remote Yemeni province, and security officials in the capital on Monday reported another six were also dead. The slayings took place in a region

where al-Qaida militants have a strong presence.

There was confusion among Yemeni officials over the toll. Local officials in the northern Saada province where the nine foreigners were kidnapped confirmed only that the bodies of three women in the group were found. The Saada

## Foreign hostages killed in Yemen

provincial council said the fate of the remaining six was unknown.

But Yemeni security officials in the capital, San'a, said the bodies of the other six were also found. The contradictory reports could not immediately be reconciled.

Still, it was a rare slaying of foreign hostages, and could be a sign of brutal new tactics by al-Qaida in Yemen, the Middle East's poorest nation and one of its most unstable. Al-Qaida has been strengthening in Yemen, taking advantage of the government's weak control in a nation where tribes hold sway over much of the countryside.

The nine foreigners — seven Germans, a Briton and a South Korean — disappeared last week while on a picnic in the restive northern Saada region of Yemen. The Germans included a couple and their

three children.

The Yemen government said in a statement they all worked for World Wide Services foundation, a Dutch aid group working in the medical sector in Saada province for the past 30 years.

Shepherds found the remains of three women from the group on Monday morning in the mountainous northern Saada province near the town of el-Nashour, known as a hideout for al-Qaida militants, according to a statement from the local council in the area. “The fate of the other six abducted people is still unknown,” it said.

A security official in the capital, however, said the other six had been found dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press. A tribal leader in the area blamed al-Qaida for the

kidnapping of the foreigners on Friday and their slaying. He also spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason.

In the past, tribesmen often kidnapped foreigners to wrest concessions on local issues from the government — including ransoms, the release of jailed relatives or even promises to build local infrastructure. But they usually treated hostages well and released them unharmed. Past abductions by al-Qaida, however, have ended with hostages' deaths.

Al-Qaida's presence has strengthened over the past year. Al-Qaida militants, including fighters returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, have established sanctuaries among a number of Yemeni tribes, particularly ones in three provinces bordering Saudi Arabia. □



# Russian veto ends U.N. observer mission to Georgia

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia exercised its veto power in the U.N. Security Council and brought an end Monday to the nearly 16-year-old observer mission monitoring a cease-fire between Georgia and its breakaway Abkhazia region.

Russia's veto late Monday toppled a Western plan to extend the life of the U.N. mission for another year, or even two more weeks, to work out a compromise. The vote was 10-1 with four abstentions — China, Vietnam, Libya and Uganda.

Following the Georgian-Russian war in the breakaway region of South Ossetia last August, Russia recognized the independence of both Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Georgia insists that both regions are still part of its territory, but Moscow insists they are not.

"We need to get rid of this apparition," Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told the council after casting the veto. "Our partners, however, prefer poison to medicine."

The mission's mandate will now expire at midnight Monday in New York, requiring about 130 military observers and more than a dozen police to leave. It was operating on a four-month extension granted by the Council in February to allow for more negotiations. The mission's abrupt termination follows months of talks between Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Germany.

Both the name — the U.N. Observer Mission in Georgia — and references to Georgia's territorial sovereignty were sticking points.

"It is understandable," Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Monday, "that in the new political and legal conditions most of the names and terms previously

used in the old documents are inapplicable."

As promised, Churkin used his nation's right as one of the council's five permanent members to veto the draft resolution. He had said earlier Monday that the mission, known as UNOMIG, would "pass away peacefully" if Russia's demands weren't met.

He had offered to extend the mission's mandate for one month on condition that the Security Council agree to delete all the "offensive references" in the resolution to names and sovereignty — an offer that was rejected by the Western powers.

The Security Council could seek to restore a U.N. mission sometime in the future, but if it met Russia's demands it would effectively recognize the independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia and determine that Georgia no longer had sovereignty over the two areas, which the U.S. and its European allies refuse to do.

The plan for extending the mission was put forward by the U.S., Britain and France — all of them permanent members — and non-permanent members Croatia, Turkey, Austria and Germany. It was modeled on U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's recommendations last month for a continuing but unnamed U.N. "stabilization mission" to ensure no armed forces or military equipment operated in security zones extending 7.5 miles on each side of the cease-fire line.

China is the fifth council member with veto power.

U.S. Deputy Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo said the United States "deeply regrets" the Russian veto and reiterated the strong U.S. commitment to Georgia's territorial integrity.

The U.S. "will now need to consider other measures," including possibly bolstering a similar European Union



Georgian soldiers participating in NATO training exercises walk near a broken statue of the Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin, foreground, at Vaziani military base, a former Soviet military facility, outside Tbilisi, Georgia, Sunday May 31, 2009. Russia has sharply criticized the war games, saying they raise the threat of renewed conflict in the country 10 months after the Russia-Georgia war.

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monitoring mission to Georgia, she said. "In the meantime it is the civilian population that suffers."

France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Maurice Ripert said: "We cannot and we will not

compromise on the territorial integrity of Georgia,"

The Black Sea province of Abkhazia has been independently run since 1993, when two years of fighting with Georgian troops ended

with a U.N.-monitored cease-fire. Two-thirds of Abkhazia residents hold Russian passports, and along with South Ossetia it had sought independence or union with Russia. □

## Kurds: 150 acres of forest burned due to shelling

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SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Nearly 150 acres of forest have been burned over the past two months due to Turkish and Iranian shelling of Kurdish rebel bases near their borders in northern Iraq, local officials said Monday.

The Kurds have long sought to protect natural resources in their semiautonomous region. Residents have been banned from cutting trees and killing wild animals since 1992.

Emergency teams of firefighters, forest rangers and villagers were formed to battle the flames caused by the shelling in two of the three provinces that comprise the region, officials said.

Most of the forest fires have been caused by Turkish shelling against rebels with the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, in Dahuk province, officials said.

The rebels have been fighting for more than two decades for autonomy in southeastern Turkey. They use strongholds in northern Iraq for cross-border raids.

Turkey has launched several cross-border aerial attacks to stamp out their bases.

But that has caused the burning of more than 124 acres, or 50 hectares, of forest, according to Najat Sufi Hariri, the planning director in the regional agriculture ministry.

Iranian artillery against another Kurdish rebel group known as the Party for Free Life in Kurdistan, or PJAK, has caused 24 acres, or 10 hectares, to burn, said Azad Wasso, the border village administrator in Sulaimaniyah.

The fires have flared over the past two months.

The most recent blaze occurred last week when Turkish planes dropped bombs on the village of Imadiya in Dahuk, Hariri said.

"Firefighters and residents needed 13 hours to put it out," he said. Most villagers have fled the areas due to the frequent shelling.

"The Turkish planes bombard our village from time to time, alleging to chase the PKK fighters," Khurshid Doski said. "Most of residents left the village, but we stayed put, despite the bombing." □



# Peru offers concession to Indians in land dispute

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LIMA, Peru (AP) — In a conciliatory move, Peru's government told Amazon Indians on Monday that it will ask Congress to revoke decrees that native groups say would make it easier to exploit their lands for oil, gas and other development. Indigenous peoples' anger over the decrees spurred two months of on-and-off blockades of roads and rivers that turned violent on June 5 when police opened fire on activists at a roadblock.

At least 24 police officers and nine civilians were killed, according to government figures. Indigenous leaders said at least 30 Indians were killed and accused police of hiding bodies.

Environment Minister

Antonio Brack announced the concession after a delegation led by Cabinet chief Yehude Simon met with indigenous leaders Monday in the central jungle town of Mazamari. Brack said the government also offered to end a state of emergency and curfew in Amazonas state, where the June 5 melee occurred. Brack said Indian leaders promised in return to end a blockade that has cut a key road into the central Amazon. But other protests, including the occupation of a highlands airport, persisted.

A radio station, Radioprogramas, said Simon also asked the Indian leaders' forgiveness for the deaths.

Although Peru's main Amazon Indian federation, AIDESEP, did not

participate in Monday's talks, some indigenous leaders expressed hope the government's gesture would lead to negotiations that it previously spurned. "We don't reject dialogue. On the contrary, dialogue and peace in the Amazon is what we want," Ruben Binari, a leader of the Machiguenga people in the Urubamba region, told The Associated Press.

Congress indefinitely suspended the controversial decrees last Wednesday, a day ahead of a nationwide wave of mostly peaceful anti-government protests. The decrees, including a forestry law widely interpreted as promoting biofuel crops and logging, were among several promulgated by President Alan Garcia to comply with a free trade agreement with



Indians shout slogans against the government during a protest in favor of Amazon Indians in Lima, Thursday, June 11, 2009. Peru's Congress indefinitely suspended on Wednesday two key legislative decrees that spurred the Amazon Indian protests that erupted in bloodshed during a government crackdown last week.

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the United States that took effect in January.

The leader of the Amazon protests, AIDESEP President Alberto Pizango, remained in Nicaragua's embassy Monday.

He sought refuge there after sedition and rebellion charges were filed against him. Nicaragua granted him political asylum but he has not received safe passage out of Peru. □

## Eds: For global distribution. Italy, U.S. break up hacking group

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ROME (AP) — Italian and U.S. authorities have broken up an international group that hacked into long-distance phone lines and may have provided funds to terrorists in Southeast Asia, officials said Monday. Police conducted raids across Italy on Friday to arrest five Pakistanis linked to a hacking operation in the Philippines. On the same day, Federal authorities in New Jersey charged three people living in the Philippines in connection with the case.

The group electronically broke into the systems of international telecommunications companies and sold the access codes in several countries in a multi-million-dollar fraud, Italian police and the FBI said in separate

statements.

By routing conversations from the call centers onto the hacked networks the suspects stole 12 million minutes, worth \$55 million, from companies including AT&T, the FBI said.

Italian authorities shut down 10 call centers in various cities, according to police in the northern city of Brescia, where the probe was centered.

Two of the Pakistanis, a husband and wife, were arrested in Brescia, while three more were found in the central town of Macerata. Italy has also issued a sixth warrant for a Filipino citizen.

The six are accused of fraud for illegally accessing and selling the codes to the call centers — stores that are widely used by immigrants in Italy to phone home.

Much of the proceeds were

sent to the Philippines and may have been forwarded to Islamic extremist groups in the region, including the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf, said Carlo De Stefano, head of Italy's anti-terrorism police unit.

"There are strong suspicions and some clues, but nothing concrete," De Stefano told The Associated Press on Monday. He did not elaborate.

De Stefano said officers from the FBI office in Newark, New Jersey, had helped the Italians in the investigation and would take the lead in probing the destination of the money.

Authorities in Spain, Germany and Switzerland were also conducting investigations as groups similar to the one uncovered in Italy are believed to have operated in those countries, he said. □



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# Rossi ends U.S. dream of first Italy victory

**ROBERT MILLWARD**

**AP Football Writer**

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The United States looked on course for a first ever victory over Italy Monday when a young striker from Teaneck, New Jersey stole it from them. Giuseppe Rossi, born near New York to Italian immigrants and now wearing the colors of Italy, scored a 59th minute equalizer with a thumping shot from 26 meters (yards) less than two minutes after coming on as a substitute. He made his first appearance for Italy last October. After Daniele De Rossi added a second with another long range strike, Rossi, sold to Spain's Villareal by Manchester United two years ago, collected a pass from Andrea Pirlo with a powerful first time strike to complete Italy's 3-1 victory at the



Italy's Giuseppe Rossi, center foreground, is celebrated by his teammates after scoring a goal during their Confederations Cup Group B soccer match at Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria, South Africa, Monday, June 15, 2009.

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Confederations Cup.

"Goals are always nice to score," said Rossi, who scored his first for Italy against Northern Ireland in a June 6 3-0 friendly victory in Pisa.

"If you're playing against the team which is the country where you are born it's always a great emotion coming in. But when your on the field you have no plan. You just think about playing the game and trying to win your game."

Italy coach Marcello Lippi said Rossi made a difference to his ailing team.

"Rossi gave us a burst of energy," said Lippi, who led Italy to its 2006 World Cup triumph. "He scored a great goal that calmed us down psychologically with a half hour still to go and then he finished the game off. He offers different characteristics."

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Mark Martin celebrates his victory with teammate and second place finisher Jeff Gordon and team owner Rick Hendrick, right, after the NASCAR LifeLock 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Sunday, June 14, 2009.

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BROOKLYN, Michigan (AP) — Mark Martin saved just enough fuel to hang on for victory Sunday in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Michigan International Speedway. Jimmie Johnson dominated most of the LifeLock 400 and took the lead from Greg Biffle six laps from the end as the

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50-year-old Martin watched the duel from third place. Johnson, the three-time reigning Cup champion, ran out of fuel two laps from the finish, giving the lead to Biffle. But he also ran out of fuel as the final trip around the 2-mile oval began, clearing the way for Martin to drive to the front. His No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet also

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# 50-year-old Mark Martin wins Cup race in Michigan

was left with an empty tank on the last lap, but he was able to coast to the finish line almost three seconds ahead of runner-up Jeff Gordon.

"My car was good, but I couldn't run their pace and save gas," Martin said. "When Jimmie ran out, I said, 'Heck, we're this close. I'm going to run hard. With three quarters of a lap (left), what can happen?'"

Denny Hamlin finished third, followed by Carl Edwards, Biffle, Juan Pablo Montoya and series points leader Tony Stewart. Last year's race winner, Dale Earnhardt Jr., finished 14th.

Brian Vickers started from the pole, but Kyle Busch passed him at the start and led the first eight laps with Johnson

moving into second.

Johnson swept past to take the lead on the ninth lap and looked unbeatable, leading 141 of the next 142 laps. He was never challenged, building big leads after each caution flag bunched up the field. But Biffle and Hamlin both came out ahead of Johnson when the leaders pitted under caution on lap 154.

At that point, all the leaders were being told to conserve fuel. Johnson got past Hamlin to take the runner-up spot on lap 179, trailing Biffle by 1.7 seconds. He steadily ate into that lead and finally was right behind the leader on lap 193. The two were briefly side-by-side — using more fuel — on lap 194 and Johnson managed to get past the next time

around. Biffle immediately sped up and tried to repass Johnson — again causing both to use more fuel — with Johnson remaining ahead. Biffle said he and Johnson made a mistake in trying to race each other while trying to conserve fuel.

"The 48 (Johnson) came up there and ran like we weren't on a fuel-economy run," Biffle said. "I messed with him a little bit. It made me use too much throttle and burned up the gas."

"Unfortunately, he came up there and we cat and moused and used up too much gas." Johnson led 145 of the 200 laps. He managed to get his car to the finish but wound up 22nd, the last car on the lead lap. □



# Mayweather injured rib cartilage, can't train

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. has damaged cartilage in his ribs and will stop training for his comeback fight until a doctor says he can resume.

Richard Schaefer, chief executive of Golden Boy Promotions, told The Associated Press on Monday that Mayweather has been in tremendous pain since suffering the injury during training on Thursday.

"He tried to work through it. He really did not want to postpone the fight, but it came

to the point where he could barely sit," Schaefer said. "He could not train, he could not move and there was really not much of a choice."

Mayweather (39-0, 25 KOs) was scheduled to fight Juan Manuel Marquez (50-4-1, 37 KOs) on July 18 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Schaefer said both fighters have committed to rescheduling and a September date has been mentioned. But promoters and the fighters won't agree to a date without the OK of doctors.

Mayweather's ribs are not broken, and the former five-

division champ plans to see a doctor this week, Schaefer said. He said he did not know exactly how Mayweather damaged his cartilage.

"Right now he cannot go and train, he cannot work out, he cannot run, he cannot hit the heavy bag and the speed bags and jump ropes and all these kinds of things," Schaefer said. "He definitely will need some additional training but again, Floyd is such an amazing athlete—and really on top of his game—that I think it will be relatively easy for him to get right back into it."

Cartilage connects the ribs to



Boxers Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Juan Manuel Marquez, right, pose for photographs with president of Golden Boy Promotions, Oscar De La Hoya, center, at the Empire State Building observatory in New York, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, after a news conference to announce an upcoming fight. Mayweather and Marquez will fight at MGM Grand in Las Vegas on July 18, 2009.

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## WNBA Roundup

# Lytle leads Dream to 67-62 win over Sun

UNCASVILLE, Connecticut (AP) — Sancho Lytle had 20 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Atlanta Dream to a 67-62 victory over the Connecticut Sun in the WNBA on Sunday. Chamique Holdsclaw scored 12 points and Erika DeSouza added 10 for the Dream (2-2). Lindsay Whalen had 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Connecticut (1-2), and Erin Phillips added 11 points.

After Holdsclaw's jumper gave the Dream a 59-52 lead with just under 4 minutes remaining, the Sun had a 10-4 run to pull within a point.

Coco Miller made two free throws with 13.7 seconds left to give the Dream a three-point lead. Connecticut's Barbara Turner missed a 3-point attempt and Phillips missed a layup in the closing seconds. Sky 64, Storm 57

At Chicago, Candice Dupree scored 14 points, and Sylvia Fowles had 12 points and 15 rebounds as Chicago won after squandering a double-digit first-half lead.

Jia Perkins added 13 points and Dominique Canty had 10 for Chicago (2-1), which recovered to win its second straight game and beat Seattle for the first time in seven tries.

Lauren Jackson scored 22 points for Seattle (3-2). Sue Bird scored nine on 3 of 11 shooting for the Storm, which had to mount a fourth-quarter rally after badly struggling in the first half.

Jackson's jumper with 1:32 remaining pulled the Storm to 59-57, but the Sky scored five points at the free-throw line in the final 15 seconds to seal the win. □



Atlanta Dream's Sancho Lytle, right, pulls down a defensive rebound against Connecticut Sun's Barbara Turner during the second half of a WNBA basketball game in Uncasville, Conn., on Sunday, June 14, 2009.

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the sternum, and can tear away after direct blows to the chest, other trauma or particularly violent coughs and sneezes.

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo injured his rib cartilage during the team's season ending game at Philadelphia last year, a disastrous 44-6 loss in which Romo fumbled, was sacked and benched. Coach Wade Phillips said a flare-up of the pain caused Romo to collapse in the shower afterward.

Mayweather and Marquez were scheduled to fight at a catch-weight of about 143 pounds, eight more than Marquez has ever fought and the lightest weight for Mayweather since 2005.

Mayweather hasn't boxed since knocking out Ricky Hatton in December 2007. He was slated to fight a rematch

with Oscar De La Hoya but instead abruptly retired last June, while still considered the sport's pound-for-pound king.

Now, many believe Manny Pacquiao holds that title after he beat De La Hoya and Hatton in fewer rounds than Mayweather.

It's possible that Mayweather and Pacquiao will eventually meet in the ring if Mayweather beats Marquez first.

But promoter Bob Arum also wants to set up a Pacquiao-Miguel Cotto fight in November, the earliest Cotto can get back into the ring after the welterweight's win over Joshua Clottey on Saturday.

Cotto won by decision but left Madison Square Garden in New York with a big gash over his left eye that required six stitches. □



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Anna Nordqvist, of Sweden, raises the trophy after winning the LPGA Championship golf tournament, Sunday, June 14, 2009, in Havre de Grace, Md. Nordqvist shot a 4-under par 68 for a 15-under 273 total to win the tournament.

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DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

HAVRE DE GRACE, Maryland (AP) — Anna Nordqvist of Sweden completed a long day and a memorable week in splendid

fashion, shooting a 4-under par 68 Sunday to become the second straight rookie to win the LPGA Championship. Nordqvist finished at 15-under 273, four shots ahead of Lindsey Wright in the

# Rookie Nordqvist easily wins LPGA Championship

tournament's final stand at Bulle Rock Golf Course. The LPGA Championship will get a new sponsor and a new home in 2010.

After letting a five-shot lead dwindle to one, Nordqvist sank a 12-foot birdie putt on No. 14 and essentially clinched her first career victory with a 35-foot putt for a birdie on No. 15. When the shot dropped into the cup, the 22-year-old Swede pumped her fist with delight.

Nordqvist completed the final four holes of the suspended third round at 7:30 a.m. local time, then teed off as part of the final twosome shortly after 2:30 p.m. She took a two-shot lead into the fourth round, quickly increased the margin and held on to earn the \$300,000 top prize.

Looking surprisingly fresh and displaying none of the jitters one might expect from a rookie playing in her first

major tournament as a pro, Nordqvist birdied No. 1 and opened up a four-shot lead with an 18-foot birdie putt on 6. The gap widened to five shots when Wright bogeyed 7, but birdies by Wright on Nos. 8, 9 and 12, combined with Nordqvist's lone bogey on 13, cut the gap to one.

Nordqvist rebounded with her birdie-birdie salvo, leaving the final three holes a mere formality. A bogey by Wright on No. 17 increased her deficit to three shots, and Nordqvist used a marvelous approach to set up a 3-footer for birdie on 18. Playing in her fifth LPGA tournament, Nordqvist celebrated her birthday Wednesday, shot a 66 on Thursday, took the lead in the second round Friday and held onto it throughout the weekend.

Her best previous finish this year was a tie for 17th in the Corona Championship.

Nordqvist's victory follows that of Yani Tseng, who won as a rookie in 2008 at Bulle Rock. Tseng tied for 23rd in this tournament.

Nordqvist said this week she patterned her game after Swedish great Annika Sorenstam. Now, like Sorenstam, Nordqvist's first win on the LPGA Tour is in a major tournament. Sorenstam broke into the win column in 1995 at the U.S. Women's Open.

Wright, who had to arrive early Sunday to finish her final three holes, shot a final-round 70. The Australian began with six straight pars, dropped back with a bogey, then birdied three of the next five holes to makes things interesting.

Jiya Shin (68) took third at 10 under; Kyeong Bae (68) was 9 under; and Angela Stanford (69), Nicole Castrale (69) and Kristy McPherson (70) tied at 8 under. □

# Judge rejects sale of NHL Coyotes, move to Canada



Jim Balsillie, co-CEO of RIM (Research In Motion), has offered to buy the Phoenix Coyotes NHL hockey team, contingent on moving the team to Hamilton, Ontario.

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PHOENIX (AP) — The NHL's Coyotes are staying in Phoenix after a bankruptcy

judge on Monday rejected the proposed sale of the team to Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie, who would have moved it to Hamilton, Ontario.

Judge Redfield T. Baum issued a 21-page ruling, concluding that the June 29 deadline imposed by Balsillie did not allow enough time to resolve the many issues raised in the complex case.

"Simply put, the court does not think there is sufficient time (14 days) for all of these issues to be fairly presented to the court given that deadline," the judge wrote.

The ruling is a victory for the NHL, which had argued Balsillie was using the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to attempt to circumvent the league's rules over who owns teams and where they are located. NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly declined immediate comment Monday, saying

the league needed to read the entire ruling before issuing a statement.

The judge's decision is also a win for the city of Glendale, Arizona, which had spent \$183 million to build an arena for the Coyotes and had contended the franchise could not use bankruptcy to evade its lease.

This is the third time Balsillie — whose company makes the Blackberry hand held device — has tried and failed to buy an NHL team. His previous attempts to purchase the Pittsburgh Penguins and Nashville Predators fell through.

Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes took the NHL by surprise when he filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on May 5, proposing to sell the team to Balsillie for \$212.5 million, contingent on the franchise moving to Hamilton, Ontario. □

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**U.S. DREAM**

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Landon Donovan had given the Americans a deserved 41st minute lead from the penalty spot with his 40th international goal even though Bob Bradley's team was down to 10 men after a harsh red card given to Ricardo Clark a few minutes earlier for a foul on Gennaro Gattuso.

With the Italians looking uninspired even against 10 men, coach Marcello Lippi sent on Rossi and the game turned.

The 22-year-old striker's arrival gave the Italians a far more potent threat in attack alongside Alberto Gilardino and Vincenzo Iaquinta and the American defense, which had given barely a chance, came under strong presser in the last 30 minutes.

They succumbed to the two long range shots and an inspired move and now the US has lost four times to Italy alongside three ties.

Bradley's team didn't look like a side down to 10 men as they continued to hold the Italians in midfield. But the emergence of Rossi changed everything.

"I know the Rossi family," he said. "I hoped that Giuseppe would have played for the US but he made his decision. He's a very talented young player. Today's a very exciting day for him and a very disappointing one for us."

The striker with joint Italian-US citizenship took the ball from Benny Feilhaber on halfway and ran 15 meters before firing a powerful left footer that flew past his former Manchester United teammate Tim Howard inside the post. De Rossi's second matched Rossi's goal, a 30-meter drive which flew past two defenders and inside Howard's far post. And in the fourth minute of injury time, Pirlo danced round a defender on the left and floated a ball back to Rossi who drove it powerfully past Howard for the third. □



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# Perú llama a su embajador en Bolivia

LIMA (Reuters) - El Gobierno de Perú llamó en consulta a su embajador en Bolivia luego de declaraciones del mandatario Evo Morales en torno al manejo oficial de las protestas de indígenas amazónicos peruanos, dijo el lunes una fuente de la cancillería en Lima. Morales afirmó hace unos días que las violentas protestas en Perú contra una ley de inversiones en la Amazonía peruana eran una “gran lección” para entender las demandas ambientales de los pueblos originarios de este país sudamericano. Los comentarios se dieron luego de que el presidente peruano, Alan García, sugirió que Morales, el primer mandatario indígena de la vecina Bolivia, estaría detrás de las violentas manifestaciones que dejaron al menos 34 muertos hace más de una semana en una región amazónica de Perú.

Los nativos peruanos protestan desde hace dos meses en demanda de la derogatoria de leyes que según los indígenas atentan contra la naturaleza y sus propiedades. El Congreso de Perú ha suspendido de forma indefinida las normas mientras el Gobierno ha iniciado un diálogo con los nativos en busca de desactivar las protestas, las peores que enfrenta García en casi tres años de un mandato de cinco años. Desde La Paz, el canciller boliviano, David Choquehuanca, restó importancia a la convocatoria del embajador, calificándola como un procedimiento “normal” y con fines estrictamente informativos. “Es normal que un Gobierno a través de su cancillería pueda convocar a consultas a sus embajadores. Nosotros lo

hacemos permanentemente, convocamos a nuestros embajadores en caso de requerir alguna información directa”, dijo Choquehuanca a reporteros en La Paz. Choquehuanca afirmó que Bolivia no veía la necesidad de convocar a consultas a su embajador en Lima y que aprovechará una escala que hará el martes en la capital peruana para conversar con el representante diplomático boliviano ante el Gobierno de Alan García. El canciller boliviano pidió a los medios “no magnificar” las discrepancias entre La Paz y Lima, tras señalar que las relaciones binacionales pasan por “un mal momento” que puede ser superado. El domingo, Choquehuanca dijo que no era correcto responsabilizar de la reciente violencia en Perú a los llamamientos que desde hace varios años realiza Morales en favor de una “segunda liberación” de los pueblos indígenas y por la salvación del planeta tierra. □



El presidente de Bolivia, Evo Morales, en la Universidad de La Habana en Cuba, 11 jun 2009. El Gobierno peruano llamó en consulta a su embajador en Bolivia luego de declaraciones del mandatario Evo Morales en torno a la política interna de este país, dijo el lunes una fuente de la cancillería peruana. REUTERS/Desmond Boylan

## Sismo sacude norte de Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - Un temblor de una magnitud de 4,8 sacudió el lunes el litoral caribeño de Honduras sin que de momento las autoridades locales hayan recibido reportes de víctimas ni daños materiales.

El sismo se registró a las 10.00 horas (1600 GMT) y su epicentro se localizó a 56,3 kilómetros al noreste de la isla de Roatán, a unos 6,1 kilómetros de profundidad en el Caribe, y a 88,4 kilómetros al noroeste de la ciudad costera de La Ceiba.

“Aún no hay reportes de víctimas ni de daños”, dijo a la AP la portavoz de la Comisión Permanente de Contingencias (Copeco), Ana María Rivera. □

## Uruguayos votarán por anulación ley amnistía junto a elecciones

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters) - Los uruguayos votarán en octubre en un referendo para anular una ley de amnistía que impide juzgar a militares de la dictadura (1973-1985), dijo el lunes la Corte Electoral tras confirmar que se presentó el número de firmas requeridas para el plebiscito.

El referendo se realizará junto a las elecciones generales del 25 de octubre.

La corte verificó 258.711 firmas que equivalen a poco más del 10 por ciento de los habilitados para votar, dijo el ministro del organismo Edgardo Martínez Zimarioff al periódico El País.

La norma, que fue aprobada por la ciudadanía en 1989, obliga a la Justicia a consultar al Poder Ejecutivo antes de comenzar una investigación por violaciones a los derechos humanos durante el Gobierno de facto.

Tabaré Vázquez, el primer mandatario de izquierda en Uruguay y que es partidario de la anulación, excluyó varios casos de la norma para que fueran investigados, lo que derivó en la condena por hasta 25 años de seis militares

y dos policías, así como el encarcelamiento del presidente de los primeros años de la dictadura.

Unos 200 uruguayos desaparecieron durante el Gobierno militar, la mayoría de ellos en Argentina, durante operaciones conjuntas de los servicios de inteligencia de las dictaduras de ambos países.

Según un sondeo de la consultora privada Factum, un 46 por ciento de la población votaría a favor de la anulación de la ley y un 30 por ciento en contra, mientras que un 24 por ciento no se pronunció.

“Esta ley va a ser anulada con votos de ciudadanos blancos, colorados, (partidos de centro derecha), frenteamplistas (izquierda) porque la inmensa mayoría de nuestra población tiene enormes reservas democráticas”, dijo a una radio local Luis Puig, de la Coordinadora Nacional por la nulidad de la ley. La población “no quiere saber nada con la dictadura ni con la impunidad que se le concedió a los criminales de la época”, agregó. □




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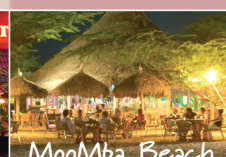
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